

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Intercounty Connector Project

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no1. **Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic Joseph Milstead Property

and/or common Jesse D. Brown Property

2. **Location:**street & number 16309 Oak Hill Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Silver Spring ☒ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. **Classification:**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation

4. **Owner of Property:** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Jesse D. & M.R. Brown

street & number 16309 Oak Hill Road telephone no.:

city, town Silver Spring state and zip code Maryland 20905

5. **Location of Legal Description**

Land Records Office of Montgomery County liber 4431

street & number Montgomery County Judicial Center folio 148

city, town Rockville state MD

6. **Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. M:15-81 (PACS D3.38)

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 8

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Joseph Milstead Property is a 2½-story, 3-bay Four-square house on the east side of Oak Hill Road in the Silver Spring vicinity, Montgomery County. Constructed circa 1910, the structure has a metal hipped roof with a flat deck and hipped dormers on the west, north, and south facades. There are two interior brick chimneys located at the north and south edges of the deck, behind the dormers. The house is of wood frame construction with aluminum siding, and has a parged foundation. The windows are double-hung wood sash with aluminum storm windows and there is a 1-story full-width porch on the west, or front elevation. The porch has turned posts with an open railing and decorative brackets and a hipped roof covered with asphalt shingles. The rear elevation has a 1-story, shed roof addition.

The west, or front facade is 3-bays with a 1-story full-width porch. The first story entrance is a wood panelled door with one fixed light; it is asymmetrically located at the northwest corner of the elevation. The fenestration pattern is symmetrical, with two pairs of 1/1 double-hung windows on the first story. The second story has three pairs of 1/1 double-hung windows and a hipped dormer with a 1/1 double-hung window.

The south elevation has a symmetrical fenestration pattern, with two 1/1 double-hung windows on the first story. The second story has two 1/1 double-hung windows and a hipped dormer with a 1/1 double-hung sash window. The south elevation of the rear addition has a pair of 1/1 double-hung windows.

The first story of the east, or rear elevation has a 1-story shed roof addition on a parged foundation. It has asymmetrical fenestration, with two 2-light sliding windows and an entrance with a 9-light wood panelled door on the basement level. Five concrete steps lead to the entrance. The first story has one 1/1 double-hung window, a set of three jalousie windows, and a central entrance with an aluminum door with jalousie lights. The second story of this elevation has three 1/1 double-hung windows.

The north elevation has a symmetrical fenestration pattern, with two 2-light sliding windows on the basement level and two 1/1 double-hung windows on the first story. The second story has two 1/1 double-hung windows and a hipped dormer with one 1/1 double hung window. The north elevation of the rear addition has a set of three jalousie windows.

There are seven outbuildings associated with this property. The first two outbuildings are frame sheds, constructed circa 1910, with front-gable metal roofs. These sheds are located east of the house.

The third and fourth outbuildings are chicken coops, with a metal shed roofs. Constructed circa 1940, they are of wood frame construction and are located southeast of the house and the sheds.

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7. Description (Continued)

The fifth outbuilding is a front-gable frame shed with a metal roof, constructed circa 1930. It is located northeast of the house and the two other sheds, and north of the two chicken coops.

The sixth outbuilding is a large frame barn with a side-gable metal roof, constructed circa 1910. The barn is located east of the house and sheds and northeast of the chicken coops.

The seventh outbuilding is the ruins of a concrete shed with a gable roof. It is located southeast of the house, sheds and barn and east of the chicken coops.

The property is located on the east side of Oak Hill Road, with residential property to the south and east and open space to the west and north. The property's setting is rural.

8. Significance

Survey No. M:15-81 (PACS D3.38)

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates circa 1910

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exceptions: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Joseph Milstead Property was originally owned by the Stabler family. In 1896, Frederick and Martha R. Stabler deeded approximately 39 hectare (97 acres) of land to their son Caleb Stabler for \$4,500. Frederick and Martha Stabler were the owners of Oak Hill, which is located across the street from the Joseph Milstead Property. In 1909, Caleb Stabler sold his property, including the property now known as 16309 Oak Hill Road to Thomas L. Milstead. Thomas Milstead immediately sold the property to Joseph and Milstead, who constructed the house presently on the property. In 1924, Joseph Milstead sold the property to Mortimore and Rosie Brown. The deed from this transaction indicates the parcel had decreased in size to 26.91 hectare (66 acres and 32 sq. perches). By 1973, the property was owned by Jesse D. and Margaret R. Brown, the current owners. The property now includes 2.22 hectare (5.49 acres).

The Joseph Milstead Property is located in the Spencerville area of Montgomery County. Spencerville is on land originally patented in 1703 as "Bear Bacon" and in 1715 as "Snowden's Manor Enlarged" in what was then Prince George's County. This patent was a resurvey of earlier Snowden patents, and it increased Snowden family holdings to 3749 hectares (9265 acres) of land in what is now four Maryland counties. In 1850, William Spencer of Pennsylvania settled in the area when he led his relatives and others from Southhampton Township, Pennsylvania into Montgomery County. A small community called Drayton was formed by Spencer on the Laurel Road (present Spencerville Road), which connected the Quaker settlements of Sandy Spring and Ashton with the railroad line at Laurel. The settlement was renamed Spencerville in 1859 in honor of William Spencer.

In the late nineteenth century, Spencerville reached its peak of importance as an economic and social center. The town contained over 100 residents, as well as two stores, a post office, a blacksmith shop, a physician's office and a grange.

The town began to decline in the first few decades of the twentieth century as the local economy shifted from agriculture to a reliance on the industries and job opportunities created by the federal government. The town was small and rural until after the Second World War, when rapid economic growth in southern Montgomery County and improved roads made Spencerville accessible to new residents. Empty lots in the town were filled with modern residences, while the surrounding area retained a rural character. Many of the old working farms remain, however, the area continues to grow into one of the major suburban centers outside of Washington, D.C.

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8. Significance (Continued)

From the late 1890s into the 1920s, residences such as the Joseph Milstead Property, were constructed in the Four-square style, popular in both suburban and rural areas. American Four-square dwellings are usually two to two-and-a-half-stories tall with a simple square or rectangular plan, low-pitched, hipped roof, and a front entrance, usually off-centered, which served as the focal point of the facade. They also commonly featured front and side dormers and a wide one-story front porch. Inside are usually four roughly equal-sized rooms on each floor, with a side stairway. Exterior wall surfaces were generally clad in clapboards or wood shingles. In vernacular examples, the Four-square often featured hipped dormers, a single-story, full-width front porch, and double-hung sash windows.

The development of the Four-square house was part of a stylistic movement known as "Rectilinear" which represented a reaction against the ornate Queen Anne style of the late 1880s. It was part of the same movement which produced the Colonial Revival style which returned to the symmetry of Georgian and Federal designs, and the Prairie School which stressed horizontal lines and intersecting, perpendicular planes. Four-square homes contain some features of both the Colonial Revival and Prairie styles but the style developed independently from them (Wells 1987, 51). Like Colonial Revival houses, Four-square homes emphasize geometric forms, and like Prairie houses they have low-pitched roofs and windows that feature multi-light panels. Yet the Four-square houses also differ from these other styles in significant ways. Unlike Colonial Revival houses, for example, Four-squares do not contain historical features such as Palladian windows, fanlights, and ornamented bracketing. They also often have off-center entrances. Designers of Four-squares also rejected the Prairie School emphasis on horizontal lines and irregular forms.

From the architectural avant-garde, the Four-square form moved to popular builder's magazines, beginning in 1895 when they began publishing drawings of such houses. Companies such as Montgomery Ward and Sears Roebuck included Four-Square variations among the designs for which they offered complete, pre-cut materials shipped ready for assembly (Wells 1987, 53).

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8. Significance (Continued)

National Register Evaluation:

The Joseph Milstead Property, constructed circa 1910, is not eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is an undistinctive example of a common architectural style. The structure has been altered by a 1-story rear addition, and original building materials have been replaced with aluminum siding. The addition has jalousie windows on two elevations, which are architectural elements out of character with the original design. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility Not Recommended X

Comments _____

Reviewer, OPS: E. Hannold/K. Williams

Date: 8/13/1996

Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature]

Date: 3/11/02

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No.M:15-81(PACS D3.38)

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Beltsville

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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date October 1996

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city or town Baltimore

state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
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100 Community Place
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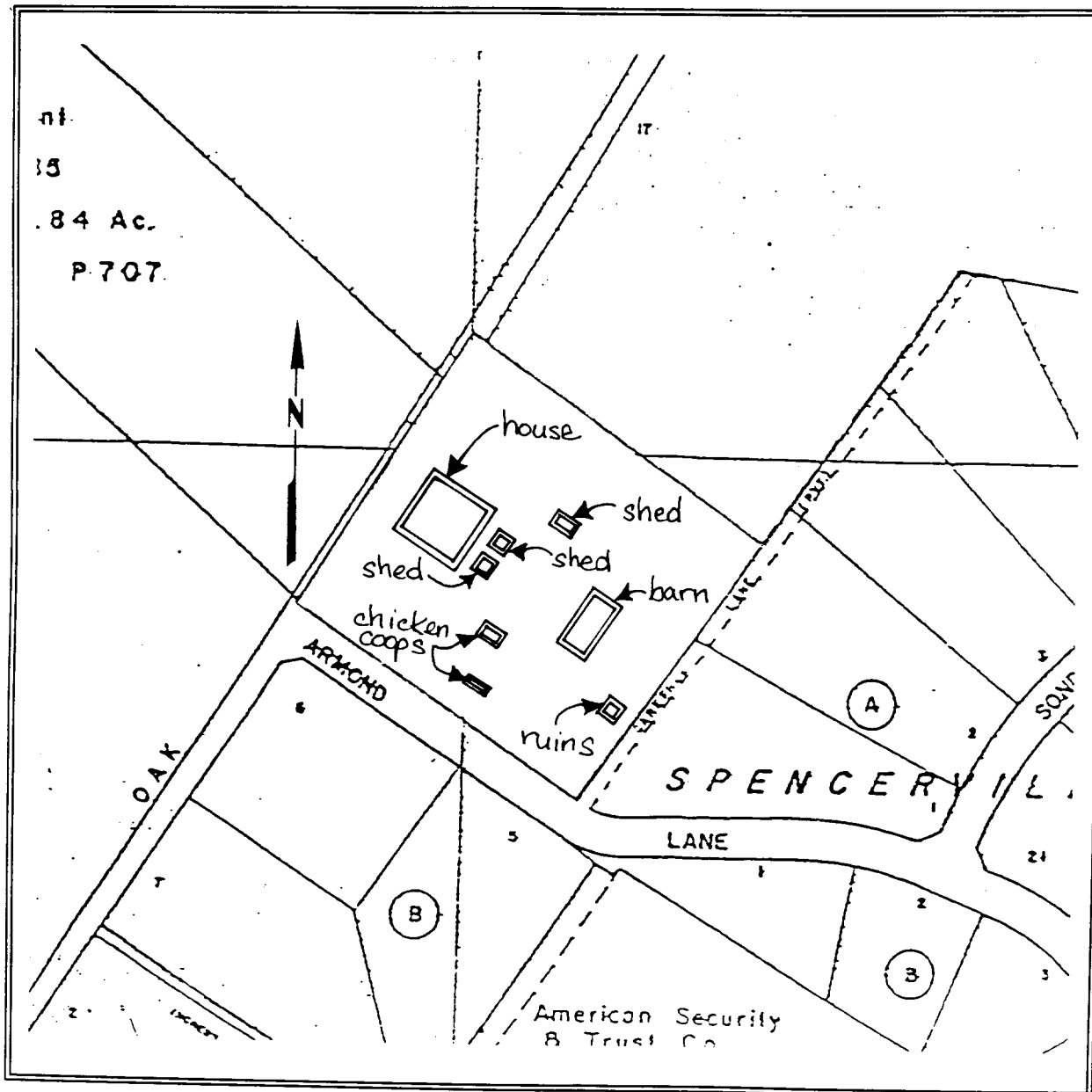
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10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Resource Sketch Map:



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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

11. Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

1. Agriculture
2. Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Rural

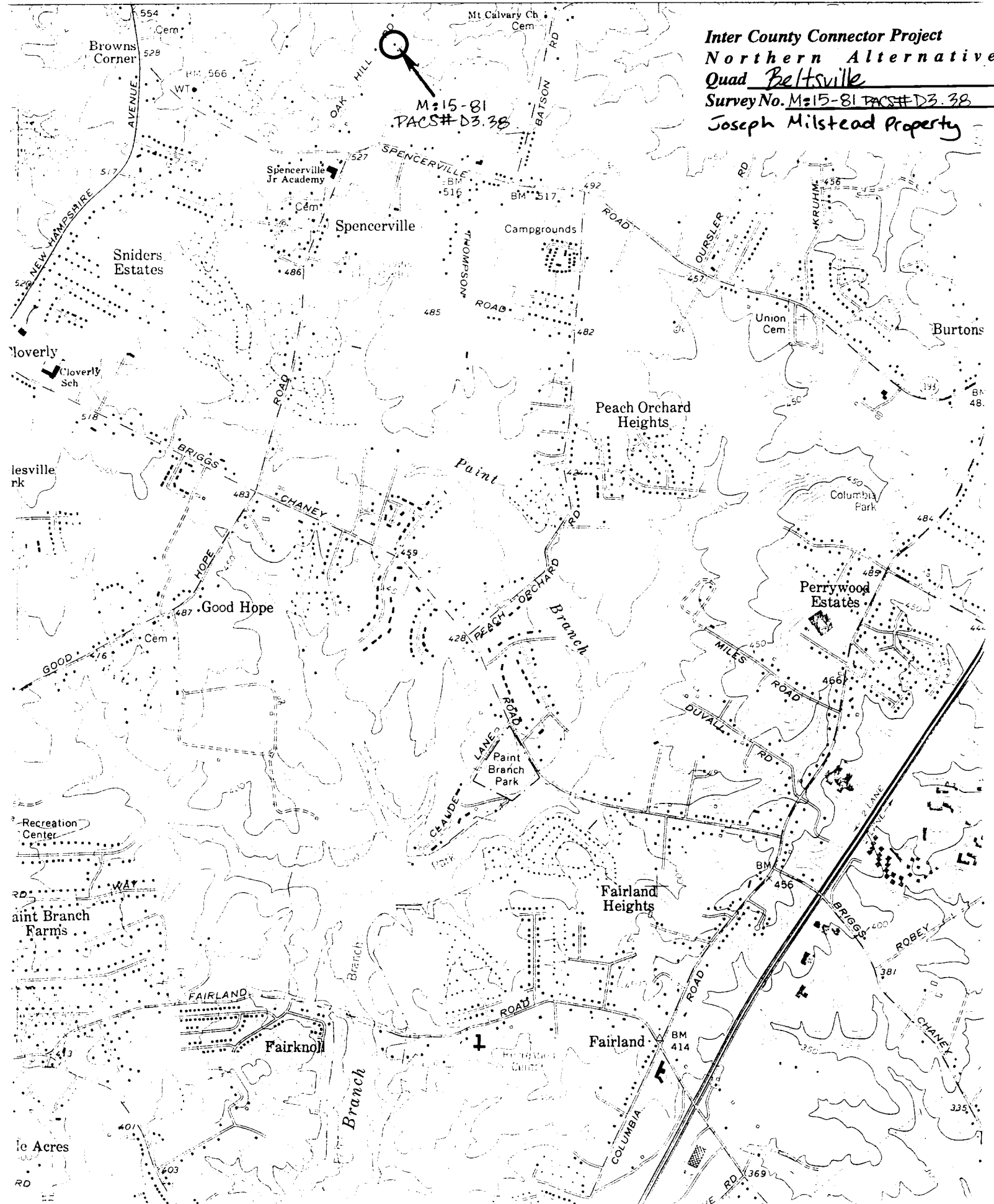
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Private Residence; agriculture

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

Inter County Connector Project
Northern Alternative
Quad Beltsville
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1) M: 15-81

2) Joseph Milstead Property

3) Montgomery

4) Adrienne Condon

5) February 1996

6) P.H.C. Sp 10 = 6000000, 1000000, 1000

7) 16304 Oak Hill Road, Man (west) - North facade

8) 105 10



- 1) M: 15-81
- 2) Joseph Milstead Property
- 3) Montgomery
- 4) Adams Condition
- 5) February 1996
- 6) L. M. C. Spens & Company, Towson, MD
- 7) 11309 Oak Hill Road, Rear (East) & North facade
- 8) 2 of 10



1) M-15-81

2) Joseph Thilstead Property

3) Montgomery

4) Adams Condon

5) Feb. 1996

6) P. A. C. Spaw Company, Locos in MD

7) 16309 Oak Hill Rd., rear (East) facade

8) 3 of 10



- 1) M: 15-81
- 2) Joseph Milstead Property
- 3) Montgomery
- 4) Address: Condon
- 5) Feb. 1976
- 6) I. D. C. Spens & Company, Towson MD
- 7) 16309 Oak Hill Rd., South Gate
- 8) 7-7-10



1) M: 15-81

2) Joseph Thilstead Property

3) Montgomery

4) Adrienne Condor

5) Feb 1996

6) P. A. C. Spero & Company, Towson MD

7) 16309 Oak Hill Rd, - frame sheds

8) 508 10



- 1) M:15-81
- 2) Joseph Thilstead Property
- 3) Montgomery
- 4) Williams County
- 5) February 1976
- 6) P.A.C. Spencer Company Towson MD
- 7) 16100 Oak Hill Road, Chicken coop #1
- 8) 007-10



1) M. 215 81

2) Joseph Thilstead Property

3) Madgerman

4) Admire Coudon

5) Feb 1990

6) F. M. Speer & Co, Season MD

7) 16367 Oak Hill Rd. chicken coop #2

8) 7/1/1



- 1) M : 15-81
- 2) Joseph Milstead Property
- 3) Mortgage
- 4) Anne Arundel County
- 5) Feb 1996
- 6) P.A.E. Spurr & Co, Towson MD
- 7) 16309 Oak Hill Rd, frame shed
- 8) 2010



- 1) M: 15-81
- 2) Joseph Mill Head Property
- 3) Montgomery
- 4) Adrienne Coudon
- 5) Feb 1993
- 6) K.H.C. Spine + Company, Anson, MD
- 7) 16308 Oak Hill Road, Anson
- 8) 9 of 10



- 1) M: 15-81
- 2) Joseph Milstead Property
- 3) Montgomery
- 4) Laraine Coulton
- 5) Feb. 1976
- 6) C. Sparrow Company, Towson MD
- 7) 16504 Oak Hill Road, near IMU shed
- 8) 10/1/16